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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 31, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion begin on page 8 of this paper.

STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schmidt, V et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,322,315).

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt, V et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,322,315) in view of De Matteis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,228,014).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HERewith

1. Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of three (3) months up to and including April 30, 2008, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$525, is enclosed herewith.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1429.